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To: All Supervisors, Criminal Prosecutions Bureau

From: Joe Magats, ASA, Deputy Chief, Criminal Prosecutions Bureau *JM*

Re: Chicago Police Officer Joseph E. Avila, Star# 17883, 8<sup>th</sup> District

Date: February 22, 2011

Cc: Shauna Boliker, First Assistant

Walt Hehner, Chief Deputy

Dan Kirk, Chief of Staff

Fabio Valentini, ASA, Chief, Criminal Prosecutions Bureau

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Brian Sexton, ASA, Chief, Narcotics Prosecutions Bureau

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It has been brought to the office's attention that Chicago Police Officer Joseph E. Avila, Star# 17883, 8<sup>th</sup> District has been charged with Aggravated Assault under Case No. 11 DV 70368. Our office is the prosecuting authority in Officer Avila's case. The case is currently pending in Domestic Violence Court, Branch 60 in Chicago and is next up on March 11, 2011. As you are all well aware, the fact that any witness that we are calling to testify has a pending criminal case must be disclosed to the defense.

If you or any of the assistants that you supervise have a case where you are calling Officer Avila as a witness, the fact that Officer Avila has a pending case must be disclosed to the defense prior to trial. The MIS Department is doing a computer search to see whether Officer Avila is a

witness on any pending felony cases. Once I have the results of that search, I will forward them to each of you. Please don't call MIS to have another list run. Units that do not have a computer case management system will have to check their files to determine whether Officer Avila is a witness.

If you or the assistants that you supervise have a case where Officer Avila is a witness and you determine that he is a necessary witness and needs to be called in the case, and, at the time that Officer Avila is testifying his case is still pending, please file and tender to the defense the attached Notice of Disclosure prior to trial. None of the ASAs that you supervise are to file the notice without your prior knowledge and specific approval. An electronic copy of the Notice of Disclosure will be sent to you.

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If you or your ASAs have any questions, please call me. Thank you.

STATE OF ILLINOIS) ) SS.  
COUNTY OF COOK)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CRIMINAL DIVISION

**NOTICE OF DISCLOSURE TO THE DEFENDANT**

Now come the People of the State of Illinois by their attorney Anita Alvarez, State's Attorney of Cook County, Illinois, through her assistants / and / hereby disclose to the defendant as follows:

1. That Chicago Police Officer Joseph E. Avila, Star #17883, has been charged with Aggravated Assault under Case No. 11 DV 70368. That case is next up on March 11, 2011 in Branch 60, 555 W. Harrison, Chicago, Illinois.
2. That Officer Avila will be called to testify as a witness for the prosecution in the above-captioned case.
3. That no promises of leniency or promises of any nature have been made to Officer Avila regarding his pending case in return for his testimony in the above-captioned case.
4. That no threats have been made to Officer Avila regarding his pending case in return for his testimony in the above-captioned case.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Alvarez  
State's Attorney of Cook County

By:

Assistant State's Attorney

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